

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims ~~1-6, 10-11,~~ and 15-19 without prejudice.

Please replace claims 7, 8, 12, and 13 with the following amended claims:

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7. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising the sequence of nucleotides as shown in SEQ ID NO:1.

8. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding a polypeptide as shown in SEQ ID NO:2; and

a transcription terminator.

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12. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide encoding a fusion protein, said protein comprising a secretory peptide from residue 1 to residue 21 as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

13. (Amended) An expression vector comprising the following operably linked elements:

a transcription promoter;

a DNA segment encoding the fusion protein according to claim 12; and

a transcription terminator.

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments is requested. With entry of these amendments, claims 7-9, and 12-14 are now in the case. Claims 7-8, and 12-13 have been amended. Claims 1-6, 10-11, and 15-19 have been canceled.

Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims to cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Support for the amended and added claims is found within the specification as filed. No new matter has been added.